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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A handheld computer system, comprising:
a pressure sensitive switch;
a user interface;
a housing having a deformable side, the housing being sized to be held in one hand, a pressure sensitive switch coupled to the deformable side of the housing such that when the housing is squeezed by the one hand, the deformable side is deformed and the switch is toggled; and
a display supported by the housing, wherein the user interface includes a text information entry area, wherein the text information entry area is activated in response to manipulation of the switch.
2. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 1, wherein the text information entry area is deactivated in response to manipulation of the switch.
3. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claim 2 wherein the switch includes two actions: a first manipulation of the switch to activate the text information entry area and a second manipulation of the switch to deactivate the text information entry area.
4. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the switch is a squeeze switch associated with the housing.
5. (Original) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the switch is a squeeze switch.

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6. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the text information entry area includes a pop-up menu.
7. (Previously Presented) The handheld computer system of claims 1, 2, or 3 wherein the text information entry area has at least two sizes when activated.
8. (Previously Presented) A user interface for a handheld computer system, the handheld computer system comprising a display and a touch pad, the user interface comprising:
means for receiving information at the touch pad and the display, the means for receiving a display in a graphical user interface to prompt a user to input text information; and
means for activating and deactivating the means for receiving, wherein the means for receiving is reduced in size or removed from the display when deactivated and the means for activating and deactivating is not located on the display and is located adjacent a deformable side of a housing of the handheld computer, the housing being sized to be held in one hand, the means for activating and deactivating is coupled to the deformable side of the housing such that when the deformable side of the housing is squeezed by the one hand, the means for activating and deactivating is toggled.
9. (Previously Presented) The user interface means of claim 8 wherein the means for receiving is at least one of a handwriting recognition input area, a pictorial representation of a keyboard, and an area assigned for entering text information into the handheld computer system.
10. (Previously Presented) The user interface means of claim 9 wherein the handwriting recognition input area receives handwritten characters, the handwritten characters include numbers or letters.
11. (Previously Presented) The user interface means of claim 8 wherein means for receiving comprises a handwriting recognition input area to receive handwritten characters, the handwritten characters include numbers or letters.

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12. (Previously Presented) The user interface of claim 8 wherein the means for receiving is removed from the display when deactivated.

13. (Original) The user interface of claims 9, 10, 11, or 12 wherein the means for activating and deactivating includes a squeeze switch.

14. (Original) The user interface of claims 9, 10, 11, or 12 wherein the means for activating and deactivating is integrated into a portion of a housing of the handheld computer.

15. (Previously Presented) The user interface of claim 13 wherein the means for activating and deactivating is integrated into a portion of a housing of the handheld computer.

16. (Original) The user interface of claim 14 wherein the means for activating and deactivating includes a symbol.

17. (Original) The user interface of claim 14 wherein the means for activating and deactivating includes a symbol is a fixed symbol.

18. (Currently Amended) A method of interfacing with a handheld computer system, the handheld computer system comprising a display and a touch pad, the method comprising:

activating a user interface device to cause a suitable area for receiving handwritten characters to be displayed on the display above or behind the touch pad while the user interface device is being activated by the user, activation of the user interface device being caused by applying and maintaining hand pressure on a deformable side of a housing of the handheld computer, wherein the deformable side is opposite a non-deformable side of the handheld computer;

providing information entry on the touch pad; and

removing the suitable area from the display when the user interface device is deactivated wherein the user interface device is not located on the display and deactivation of the user interface device is caused by releasing pressure from the deformable side which is coupled to a switch.

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19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 18 wherein the user interface device comprises a touch sensor.

20. (Original) The method of claim 18 wherein the user interface device is a mechanical switch.

21. (Original) The method of claim 20 wherein the mechanical switch is a squeeze switch integrated in a housing of the handheld computer system.

22. (Previously Presented) The method of claims 19, 20, or 21 wherein the suitable area is at least one of a pop-up handwriting recognition area, a pictorial representation of a keyboard, and an area assigned for entering information into the handheld computer system.